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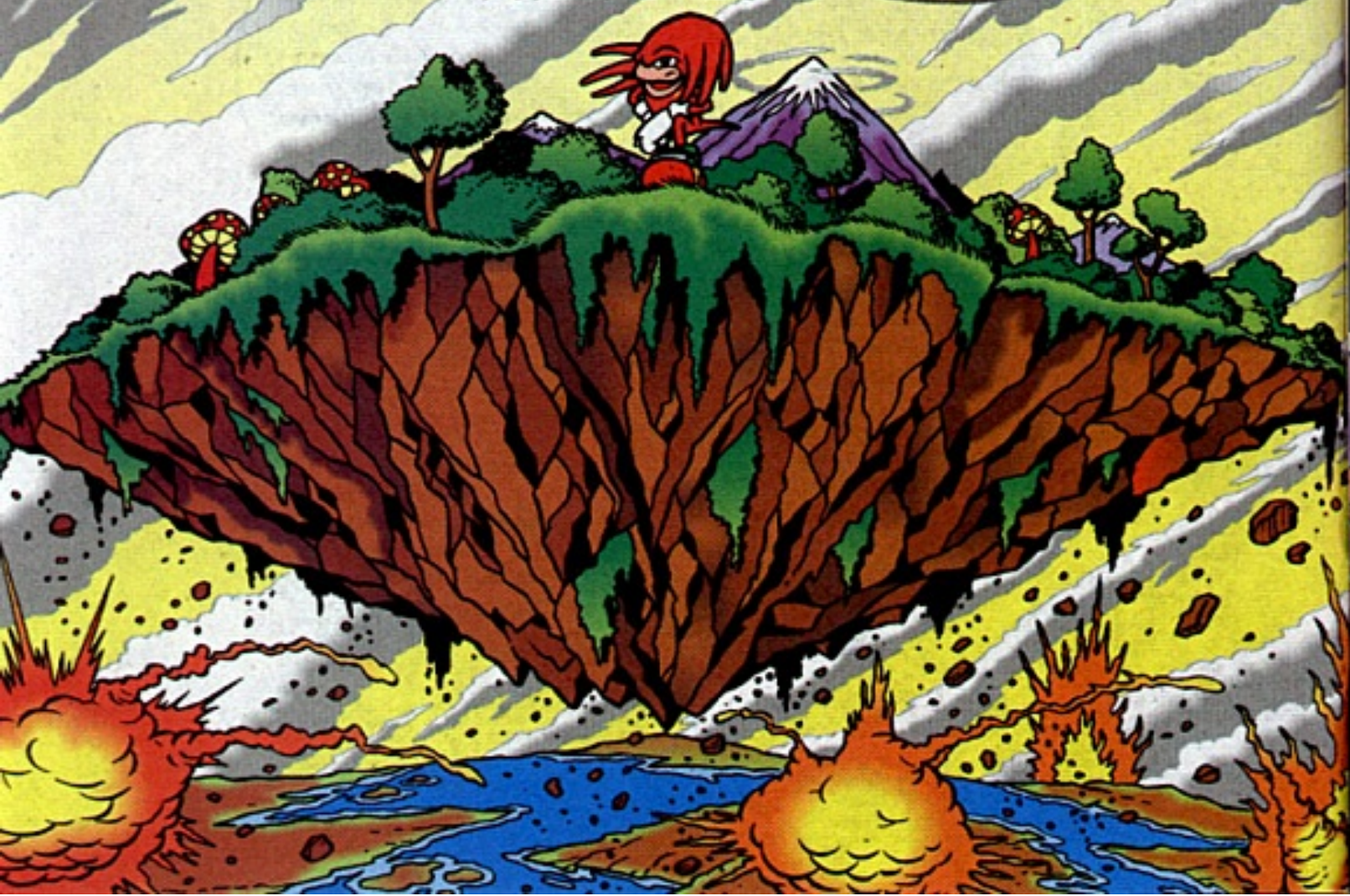
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Tall trees. Lush fields of grass. Cool clear crystal streams of water. These are but a few of the elements that comprise the Floating Island, giving the impression of an unending paradise. As with everything in nature, however, there is a balance.

For every known quantity, there is the unknown. For every field of vegetation, there exists a patch of arid desert sand. For every explored territory, there lie uncharted regions. And for every friend, there exist the predators.

For ages, visitors have been few and far between. With the war now being waged below upon the surface of Mobius, between the forces of that evil despot Dr. Ivo Robotnik and the valiant Sonic The Hedgehog and his courageous band of Freedom Fighters, it was inevitable that the Floating Island would be drawn into the conflict.

But as a haven to escape the harshness and cruelty of the war... or a beachhead used by one side to overcome the other?



THE FABLED FLOATING
ISLAND OF MOBIUS.

A NICE PLACE TO VISIT.

OR AT LEAST
IT WOULD BE...



...IF TOURISM WASN'T FROWNED
UPON BY THE NATIVES.

GIVEN THEIR HOME'S
STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE
IN THE WAR BETWEEN
ROBOTNIK AND THE
REBEL ALLIANCE, THEY
HAVE EVERY REASON TO
BE WARY OF STRANGERS.

BESIDES...



KEEP
OFF THE
GRASS

NO
DOGS
ALLOWED

BATTERIES
NOT
INCLUDED

...THEY LIKE THEIR PRIVACY.

STILL, THAT'S NEVER DISCOURAGED
CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FROM STRIVING
TO EXPLOIT THE LUSH TROPICAL PARADISE.

THERE
IT IS!

WELCOME

AT
LAST!

THOUGH TODAY, THE OUTLANDERS
COME NOT TO FIGHT...

WELCOME



...BUT TO PAR-TAY!

WOULD
YOU LOOK AT
THIS PLACE!

IT'S FAN-TASTIC!

GUESS OUR
INVITES WERE ON
THE LEVEL, TAILS!

EVERY FREEDOM
FIGHTER WE'VE
FOUGHT WITH IS
HERE...

...EVEN
KNUCKLES THE
ECHIDNA!

THE CHAOS EFFECT

PART 1



DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH YOUR PALS, SONIC-- I'M NO FREEDOM FIGHTER! THIS WASN'T MY IDEA!

BIG SURPRISE, KNOT-HEAD!

YOU HATE COMPANY EVEN MORE THAN I HATE STOP SIGNS!

BUT IF YOU DIDN'T INVITE US...

...THEN WHO--?

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF-- RENFIELD T. RODENT'S THE NAME...

THIS PARK WAS DESIGNED WITH YOUR AMUSEMENT IN MIND!

SO BE MY GUEST!

BE MY GUEST!

BE MY GUEST!

...AND FAMILY FUN'S THE GAME!

...AND I WON'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER!

BUT PERHAPS YOU'D CARE TO FRESHEN UP A BIT FIRST!

MIGHT I SUGGEST OUR HALL OF MIRRORS?

HALL of MIRRORS

IT'S A FUN HOUSE...

...AND THE FIRST RIDE'S ALWAYS FREE!

WELL-- SINCE YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...

...WHAT HAVE WE GOT TO LOSE?

HEH-HEH--HEH! IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY...

"...THERE'S A SUCKER
BORN EVERY MINUTE!"

LOOKS GOOD
TO ME!

OH, MY!

THIS CAN'T
BE RIGHT!

AWESOME!

ZUT ALORS--
MY INNAIRE SELF
UNVEILED!

THERE'S
SOMETHING
WRONG
HERE...

...BUT I CAN'T
QUITE PUT MY
FINGER ON--

HEY!

TURN OFF
THAT LIGHT!

FZUUUM...

PHOOOMP!



THAT'S BETTER!

DON'T CARE WHAT RENFIELD SAYS, THIS PLACE ISN'T...

...MUCH...

...FUN?

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS--TRAPPED INSIDE THOSE MIRRORS!



BUT HOW?

WHO--?



WHO?

YOU DISAPPOINT ME, ECHIDNA.

SURELY, YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR OLD FRIEND...



DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!!

SO YOU'RE BEHIND THIS!

BOTH LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY... WITH AID FROM RENFIELD THE RODENT!

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HIS "AMUSEMENT PARK" WAS THE IDEAL BAIT WITH WHICH TO LURE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS INTO A "TOURIST TRAP"!

SOME CAREFULLY DISTRIBUTED INVITATIONS...

"... A FEW ONE-WAY TRIPS THROUGH THE HALLS OF MIRRORS..."

"...AND MY ENEMIES ARE BUT PALE SHADOWS OF THEIR FORMER SELVES!"

"AT LAST, MOBIUS IS MINE!"

AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING, PORK-FACE?

I'M STILL KICKING...

... AND I'M GONNA START WITH YOUR BU -- **UUNGH!**

WHAM!

FOOLISH ANTEATER! THE ENERGIES I'VE RELEASED HAVE TRANSFORMED YOUR BODY!

A NIP HERE-- A TUCK THERE...

... BUT WITHOUT WITNESSES, TRIUMPH LOSES ITS LUSTER!

... AND YOUR NATURAL ABILITIES BECOME NULL AND VOID!

AND WE CAN'T HAVE THAT -- NOW CAN WE?

I COULD HAVE TRANSPORTED YOU TO ANOTHER DIMENSION OF REALITY, ALONG WITH THE OTHERS...

HAHAHA

HAHAHA

HAHAHA

HAHAHA

END OF PART I

ALWAYS SAID,
"I WANT TO BE
ALONE"...

...BUT THIS IS
RIDICULOUS!

ROBOTNIK'S
CAPTURED THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS...

...AND LEFT ME
HOLDING THE
BAG!

THE CHAOS EFFECT

PART 2



'COURSE, WITHOUT
MY SPECIAL POWERS
AND ABILITIES, I'VE
GOT PLENTY OF
NOTHING!

EVEN MY
SHARP KNUCKLES
ARE GONE!

NO
KNUCKLES...
SHORTER
LOCKS...
AND NO
LUCK!

JUST 'CAUSE I'M GUARDIAN
OF THE FLOATING ISLAND DOESN'T
MEAN I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT
TO DO, OR WHERE TO --

--GO?



A
HONEY
BEE?

NO...

YOU'VE GOT
20/20 HINDSIGHT,
FRIEND!

BUT IT'S
BEST TO LOOK
FORWARD...

INSTEAD
OF
BACK!

...A CHARMY
BEE!

NOT THAT I MIND
YOUR COMPANY...
BUT WHY WEREN'T
YOU AT THE PARK,
LIKE EVERYONE
ELSE?

BECAUSE I'M
NOT "EVERYONE"...
THAT'S WHY!

PLACES TO GO...
PEOPLE TO SEE...
POLLEN TO
GATHER...

...KIND'A
LIKE ME!

EXCEPT FOR
THE "POLLEN"
PART...

... STUFF
MAKES MY NOSE
TWITCH!

WELL, I'LL BE--
A CHAMELEON!

NO--
HE
BEE...

YOU
ECHIDNA...

... I'M THE
CHAMELEON!

AND A NAUGHTY ONE,
ESPIO--EAVESDROPPING ON
PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS!



OH, CUT ME SOME SLACK, CHARMY!

I WAS JUST HANGIN' OUT, SAME AS YOU WHEN I HEARD--



WHAT WAS THAT?!

I'M NOT SURE...

IT CAME FROM OVER THERE...

KER-RAAAKT!

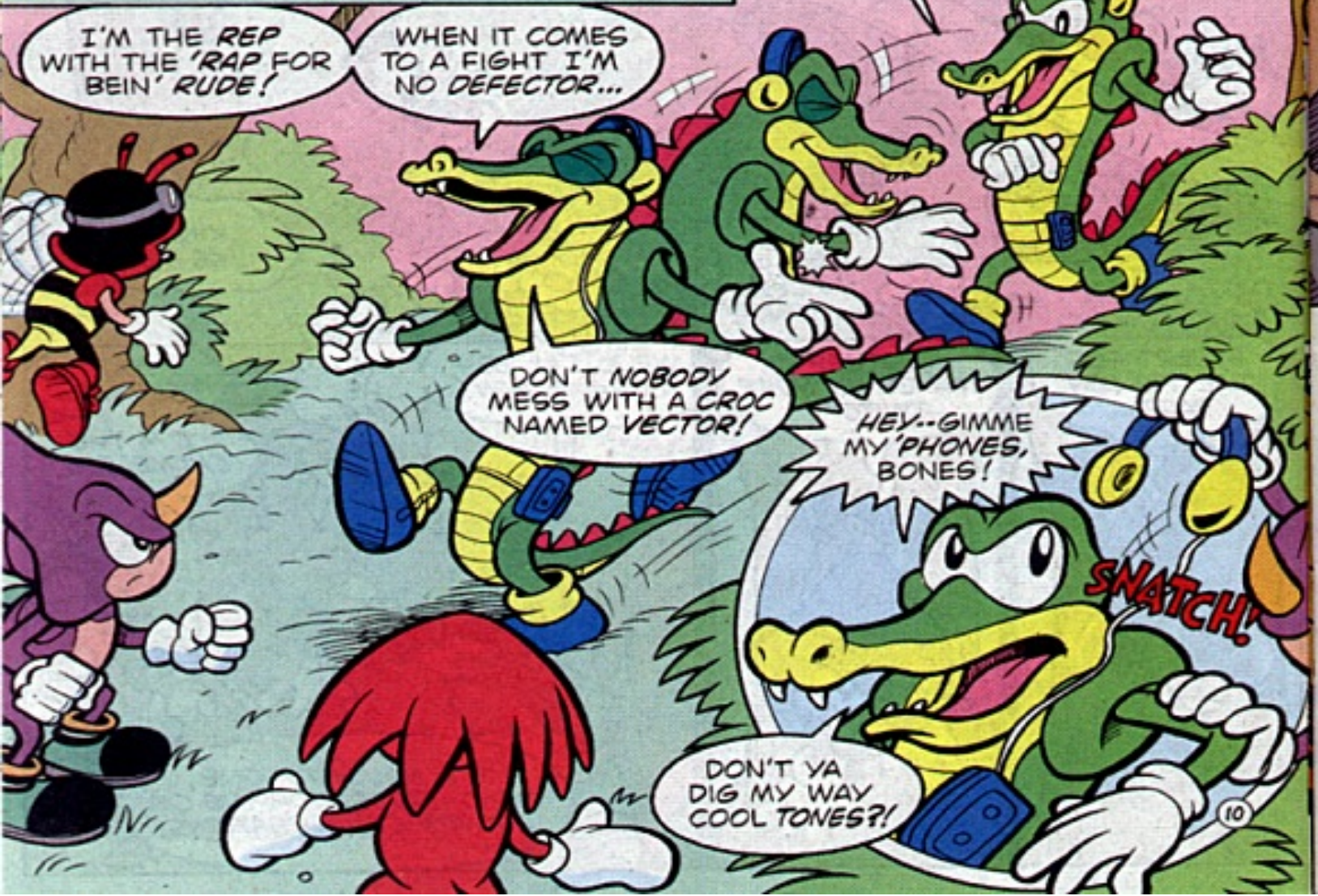
...AND IT'S COMING RIGHT AT US!



B-DUM!

B-DUM!

B-DUM!



I'M THE REP WITH THE 'RAP FOR BEIN' RUDE!

WHEN IT COMES TO A FIGHT I'M NO DEFECTOR...

DON'T NOBODY MESS WITH A CROC NAMED VECTOR!

HEY..GIMME MY 'PHONES, BONES!

SNATCH!

DON'T YA DIG MY WAY COOL TONES?!



OH, WE HEARD YOUR "CROCODILE ROCK"! COULDN'T YOU HEAR US?

NO...



...BUT I F-FEEL THAT...

...IN 3-D THX-SENSURROUND!

RRRUMMBLL

THROOM!



HELLO.

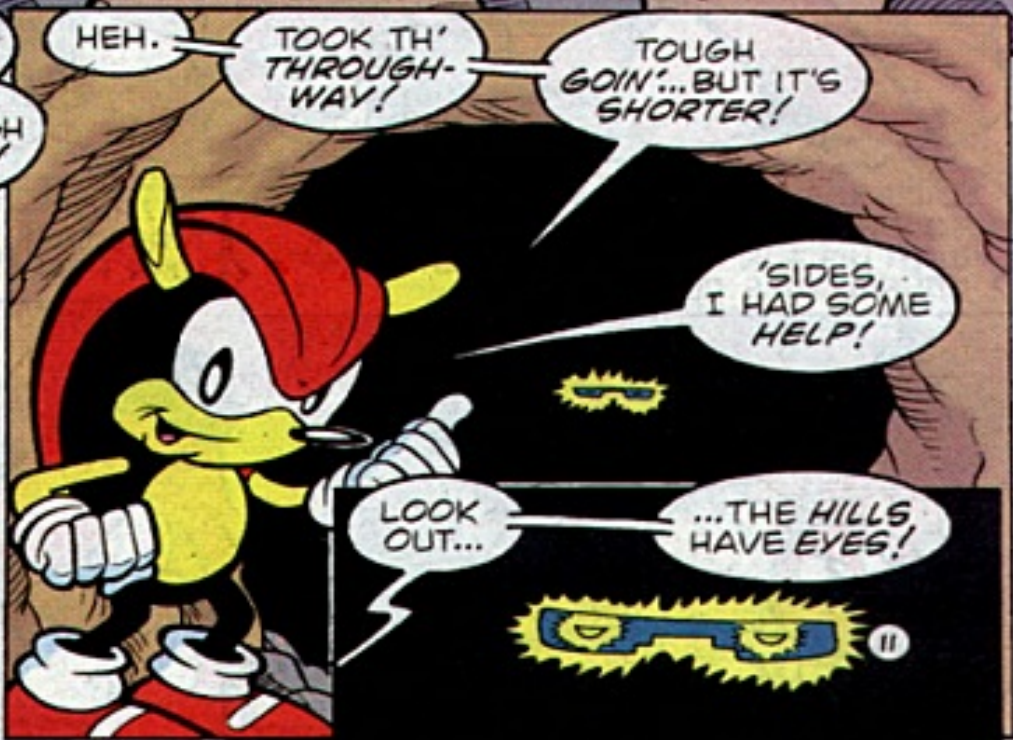
DID I MISS ANYTHING?



ONLY THE "DETOUR" SIGN, BIG GUY!

MAN, YOU ARE ONE MIGHTY ARMADILLO--BLASTIN' THROUGH THAT MOUNTAIN!

HOW DID--?



HEH.

TOOK TH' THROUGH-WAY!

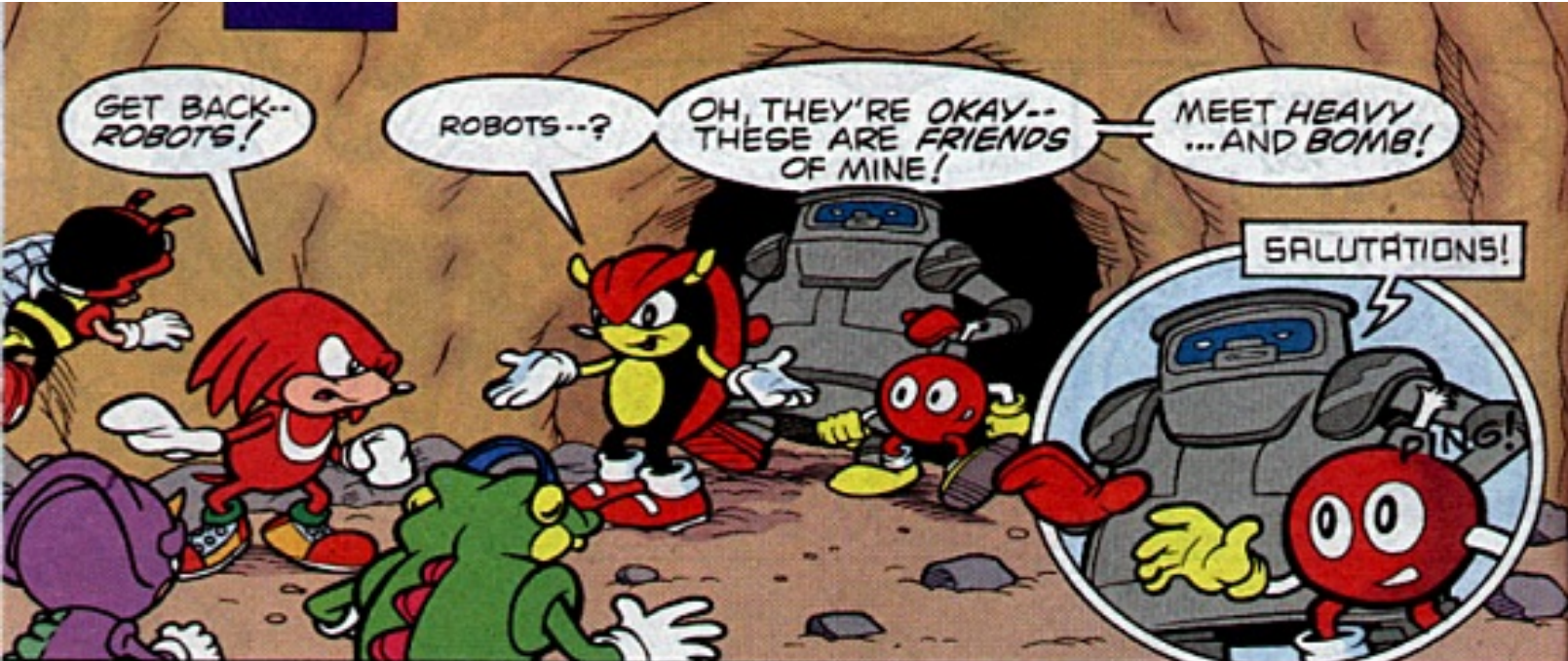
TOUGH GOIN'... BUT IT'S SHORTER!

'SIDES, I HAD SOME HELP!

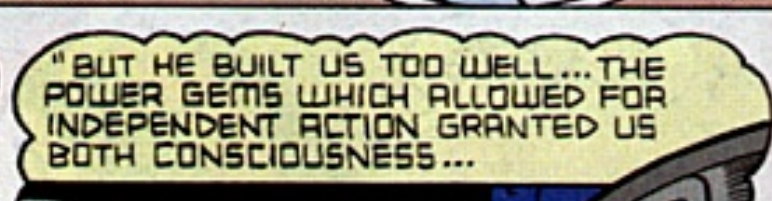
LOOK OUT...

...THE HILLS HAVE EYES!

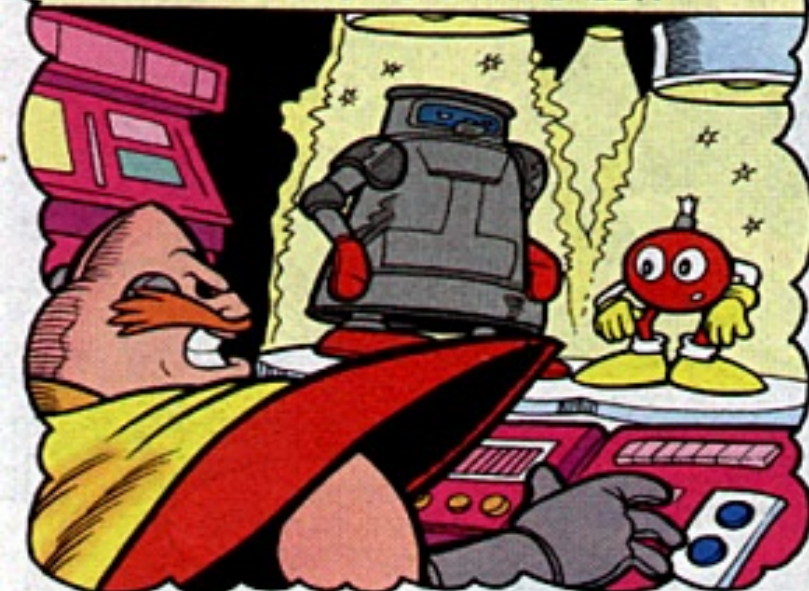




"BOMB AND I WERE ROBOTNIK'S PRIDE AND JOY--MECHANICAL MECHANICS, DESIGNED TO SEEK OUT AND REPAIR DAMAGED SYSTEMS AUTOMATICALLY.



"BUT HE BUILT US TOO WELL...THE POWER GEMS WHICH ALLOWED FOR INDEPENDENT ACTION GRANTED US BOTH CONSCIOUSNESS...



"...AND CONSCIENCES!"



"ONCE WE OVERHEARD ROBOTNIK'S PLAN TO IMPRISON THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WITH HIS FUN HOUSE MIRRORS, OUR COURSE WAS CLEAR...



"...WE ESCAPED FROM ROBOTROPOLIS..."



"...AND MADE OUR WAY HERE!"

THAT'S A NICE PIECE OF PULP FICTION, METAL-HEAD...

...BUT WHY SHOULD WE TRUST YOU?

FOLLOW US...

"...AND YOU'LL
SEE FOR
YOURSELVES!"

WHEN BOMB AND I
LEFT THE DOCTOR'S
ASSEMBLY LINE...

...WE DIDN'T LEAVE
EMPTY-HANDED!

THESE ARE POWER GEMS--
THE VERY THINGS ROBOTNIK
USED TO ENERGIZE HIS
MIRRORS, BOMB, AND
MYSELF...

...ALONG WITH
A CACHE OF
EXPERIMENTAL
WEAPONS!

GOT THAT
RIGHT, BOMB!

WITH THESE
LITTLE BEAUTIES...

THEY SHOULD
PROVE INVALUABLE
TO YOUR CAUSE!

...WE CAN SEND ROBO'S
WORLD SPINNING INTO
TOTAL CHAOS!

END OF
PART II

THE CHAOS EFFECT

PART 3

BRILLIANCE!
SHEER
BRILLIANCE!

WITH ONE BOLD
STROKE, THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN
ERASED...

...TO BE REPLACED
BY MY NEW WORLD
ORDER!

NICE WORK,
DOC! NOW YOU
SEE 'EM...

...NOW YOU
DON'T!

QUITE SO,
RENFIELD!

WITH THOSE PERPETUAL
THORNS REMOVED FROM
MY SIDE, NOTHING
COULD POSSIBLY...

...GO...

...WRONG?

ALERT

EEEEEEEEE



INCONCEIVABLE!

THE RIDES HAVE
BEEN REACTIVATED--
SIMULTANEOUSLY!

BUT HOW--
AND BY
WHOM?

PROBABLY THAT PESKY
ECHIDNA! I KNEW IT
WAS A MISTAKE TO--



I HADN'T
ALLOWED
FOR THIS
CONTINGENCY...

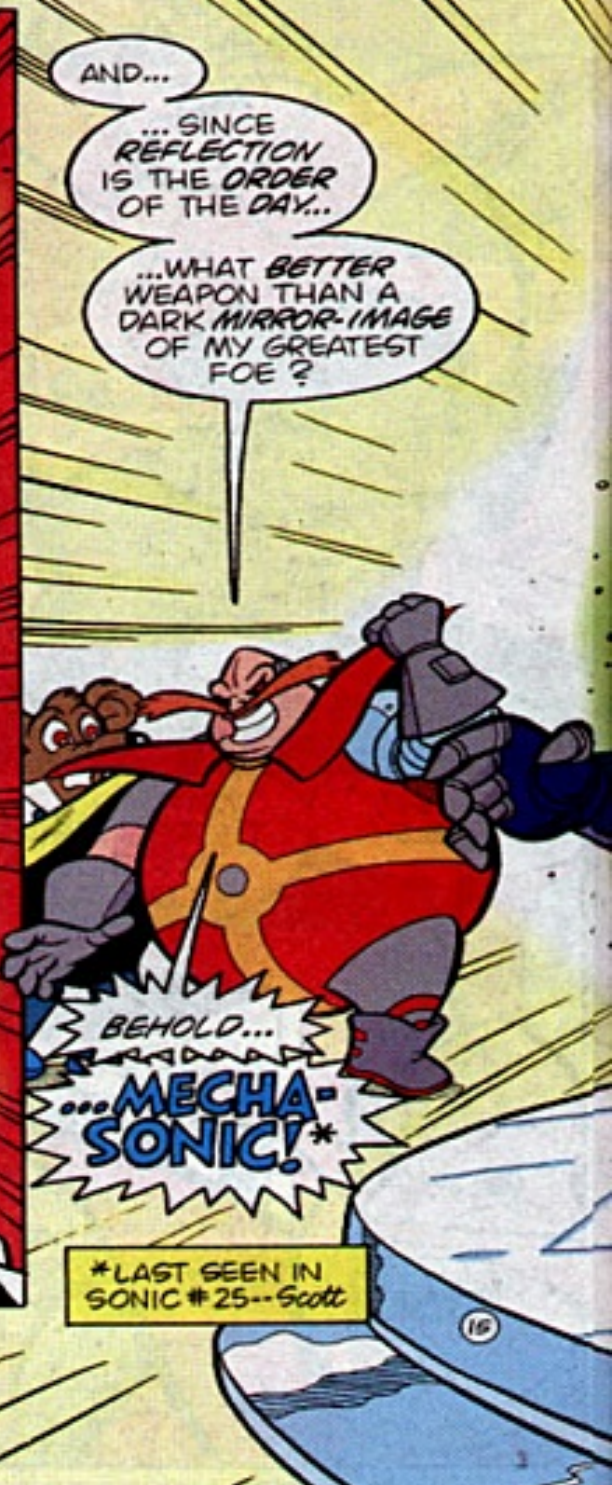
--BUT I'M NOT
COMPLETELY
UNPREPARED!

F-TAP!



FZUUUUM...

MY MATERIAL
TRANSPORT SYSTEM
SHALL SUMMON A
COUNTER-FORCE FROM
ROBOTROPOLIS!



AND...

...SINCE
REFLECTION
IS THE ORDER
OF THE DAY...

...WHAT BETTER
WEAPON THAN A
DARK MIRROR-IMAGE
OF MY GREATEST
FOE?

BEHOLD...
**MECHA-
SONIC!**

*LAST SEEN IN
SONIC #25--Scott

YOU
BLITHERING
IDIOT!

DON'T YOU
COMPREHEND THE
SIGNIFICANCE OF
THESE EVENTS?

EACH OF THOSE
RIDES IS ACTIVATED
BY A SEPARATE
SWITCH!

WHICH
MEANS...

...HE
MUST HAVE
GOTTEN
HELP!



I LIVE TO SERVE--
I SERVE TO LIVE!

WHAT ARE YOUR
ORDERS, LORD
ROBOTNIK?

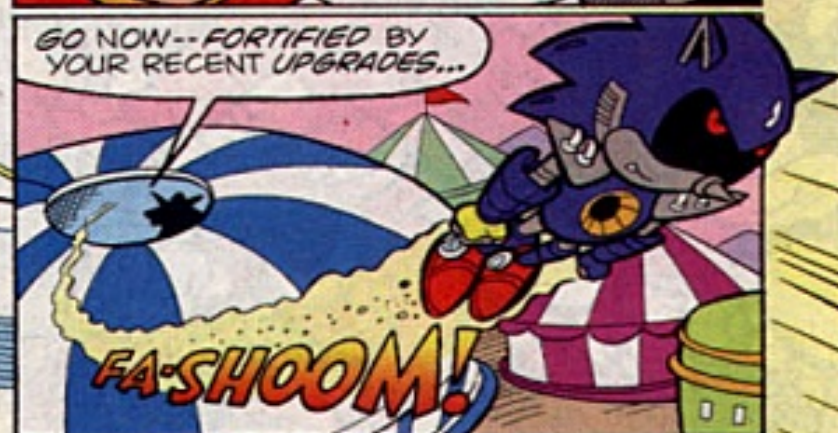


A NEW FACTION OF "FREEDOM
FIGHTERS" HAS ARISEN...



...UNDOUBTEDLY
ORGANIZED
BY KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA!

GO NOW--FORTIFIED BY
YOUR RECENT UPGRADES...





"...AND DESTROY THEM!"

NUTS!

THOUGHT ALL THAT JAZZ MIGHT DISTRACT ROBOTNIK LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO REACH THE HALL OF MIRRORS...

...BUT INSTEAD HE'S CALLED IN THE CAVALRY!

OUTSTANDING!

"YOU'LL BELIEVE A HEDGEHOG CAN FLY!"



NOT FOR LONG, VECTOR...

... 'CAUSE WE'RE GONNA TAKE THAT CLOCKWORK WIND-UP KNOCK-OFF DOWN AND OUT!

CHARGE!



ENEMY SIGHTED--
ATTACK FORTHCOMING!

TARGETING SYSTEMS
ON-LINE!

HEY, BLUE-BOY...

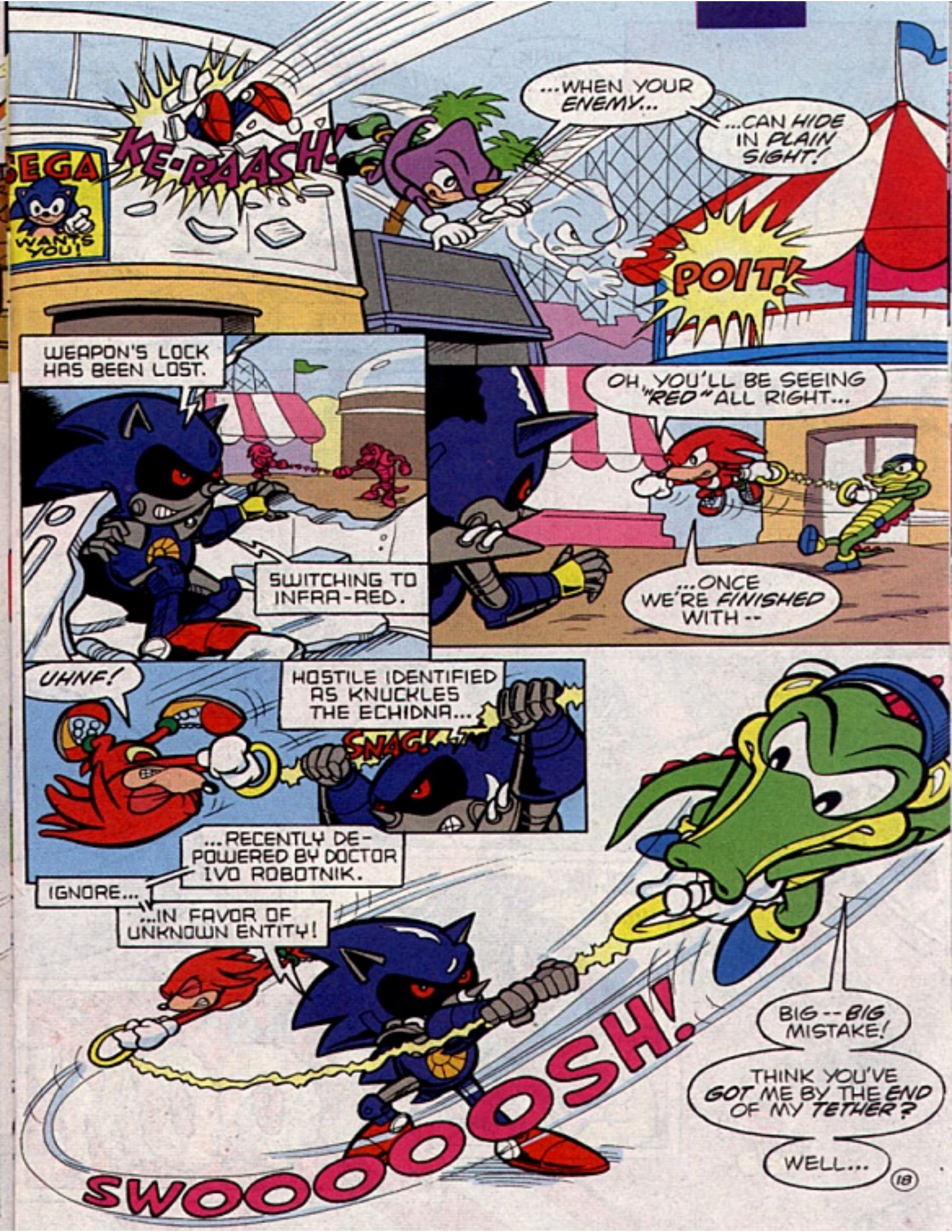
--WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON
SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE?

KLICK!
Whrrr...

AS YOU
WISH.

'COURSE, THAT COULD
PROVE PROBLEMATIC...

WHOOSH!



MEGA KE-RAASH!

...WHEN YOUR ENEMY...

...CAN HIDE IN PLAIN SIGHT!

POIT!

WEAPON'S LOCK HAS BEEN LOST.

SWITCHING TO INFRA-RED.

OH, YOU'LL BE SEEING "RED" ALL RIGHT...

...ONCE WE'RE FINISHED WITH --

UHF!

HOSTILE IDENTIFIED AS KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA...

SNAG!

...RECENTLY DE-POWERED BY DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK.

IGNORE...

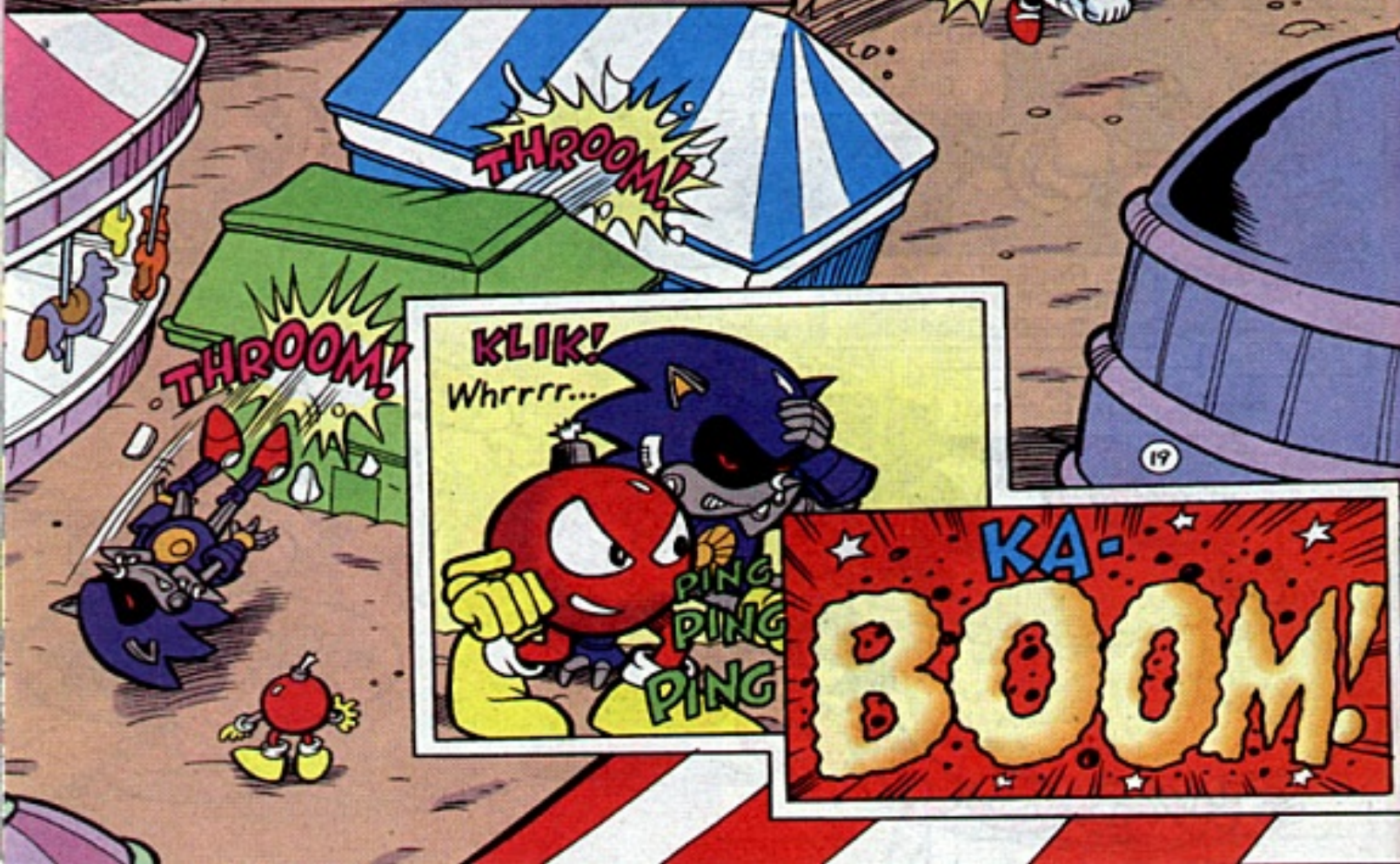
...IN FAVOR OF UNKNOWN ENTITY!

BIG -- BIG MISTAKE!

THINK YOU'VE GOT ME BY THE END OF MY TETHER?

WELL...

SWOOOSH!



GOOD RIDDANCE
TO BAD RUBBISH!

OUCH!

ONLY TO
MECHA
SONIC!

BOMB HAS A KNACK
FOR PULLING HIMSELF
TOGETHER AFTER
A CRISIS!

ISN'T THAT PAINFUL?

THEN
HE WON'T BE
"TOGETHER"
ANYTIME
SOON...

...SINCE WE
HAVE A GROWING
PROBLEM ON OUR
HANDS!

SOMETHING NEW
HAS BEEN ADDED
TO THE MECHANOID'S
ENERGY MATRIX...

"GROWING"
--AND
GLOWING!

LOOK AT
TH' SIZE OF
HIM!

WE'RE IN
DEEP DEEP
TROUBLE!

...A
POWER
GEM!

JUST WHAT
I NEED!

'CAUSE THE
BIGGER THEY
ARE...

...THE
HARDER
I HIT!

KRA-KOOM!



O' BITTER IRONY!

THE POWER GEM ENABLED THAT MEDDLESOME ECHIDNA TO ATTAIN AMAZING COLOSSAL SIZE!

IS THAT BAD?

"IS THAT BAD?"

GIVEN THE VOLATILE NATURE OF THE ENERGIES UNLEASHED...

...SHOULD THIS WAR OF THE GARGANTUAS SPILL OVER INTO MY HALL OF MIRRORS...

...THE RESULTS...

HALL of MIRRORS

MIRRORS

KER-RRRAAASH!

"...COULD PROVE SHATTERING!"

WE'RE FREE!

BREAKING THOSE MIRRORS MUST'VE SOMEHOW REVERSED THAT EARLIER ENERGY EFFECT!

I CAN FEEL THAT MY POWERS AND ABILITIES ARE BACK!

... AND I KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO WITH 'EM!

DANGER--
DANGER...

...THIS...
...DOES
...NOT...

TSK-TSK!

BROKEN MIRRORS JUST CAUSED 148,995 YEARS OF BAD LUCK...

...COMPUTE...

FSSSSS

"...ALL FOR ROBOTNIK!"

GET
ROBOTNIK!

GET THE
RODENT!

SO MUCH FOR
"SATISFIED
CUSTOMERS"!

WHERE
TO NOW,
BOSS?

"WE"AREN'T GOING
ANYWHERE, YOU
WRETCHED
RODENT!

MOON ROCKET RIDE
BANG! TO THE MOON! ZOOM!

BOOT!

AWWP!

THIS RIDE...

...IS A
SINGLE-
SEATER!

YEE-HAH!

SHOOOOOM!

MOON ROCKET
BANG! TO THE MOON!
BOOM!

SOB

FIRST TIME A
SHIP'S EVER ABANDONED
A SINKING RAT!

PUFF
PUFF

THERE'S
THE MAIN
GATE UP
AHEAD...

WELL

...ONCE I'M
OUTSIDE, I SHOULD
BE HOME...

THOOM!

...FREE?

NO--
CAUGHT...

...LIKE A
RAT IN A
TRAP!

IT'S A
WRAP!

SEAP!

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THE CHAOTIX TEAM



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THE CHAOTIX

HEADS UP, MIGHTY!

TAG! YOU'RE
"IT!"

BOINK!

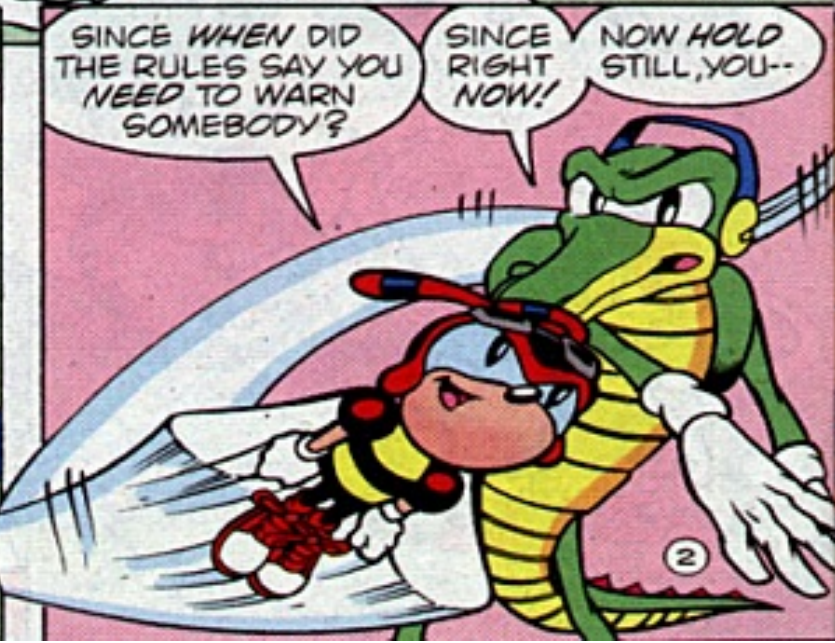
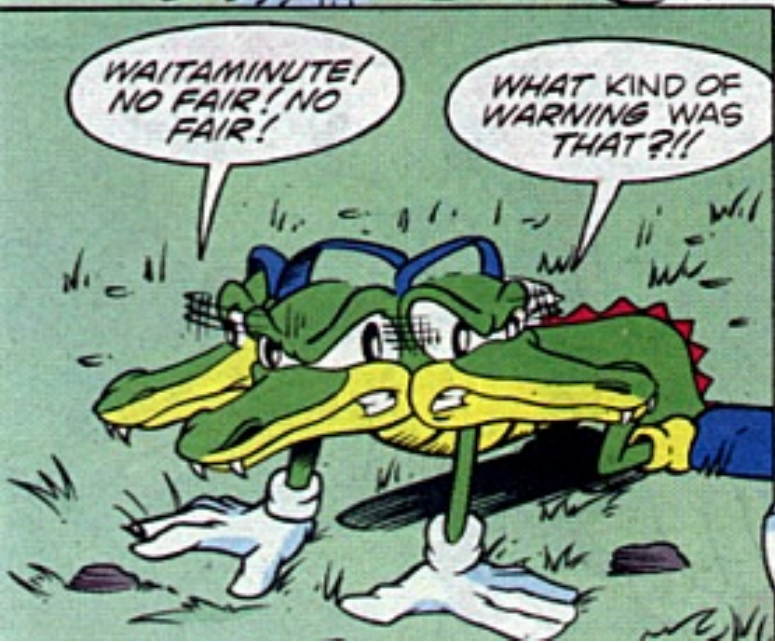
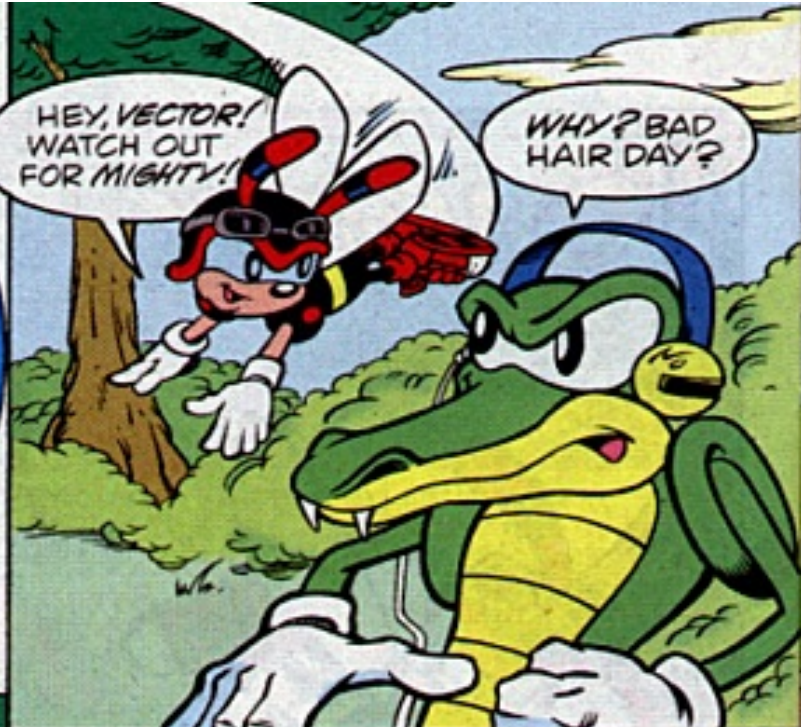
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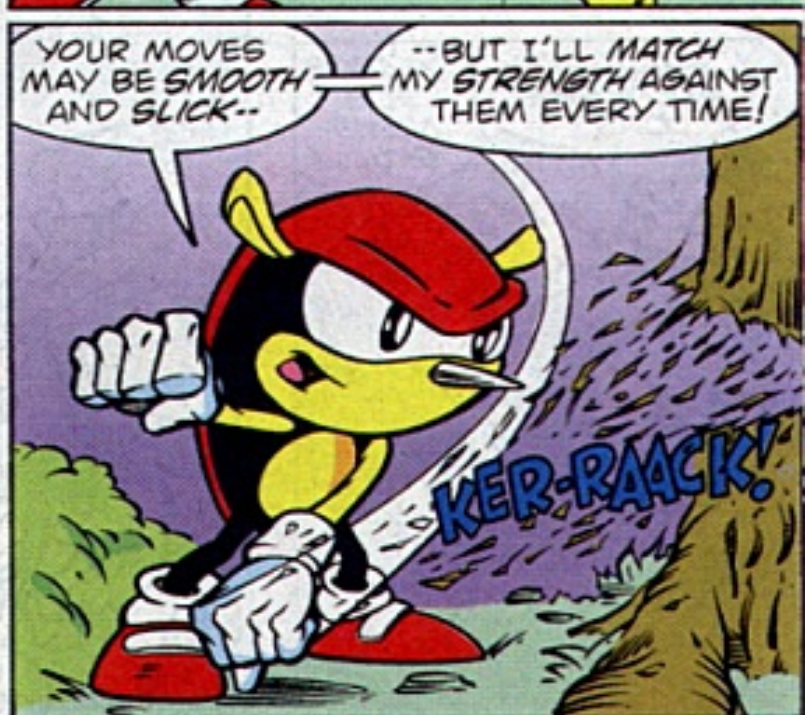
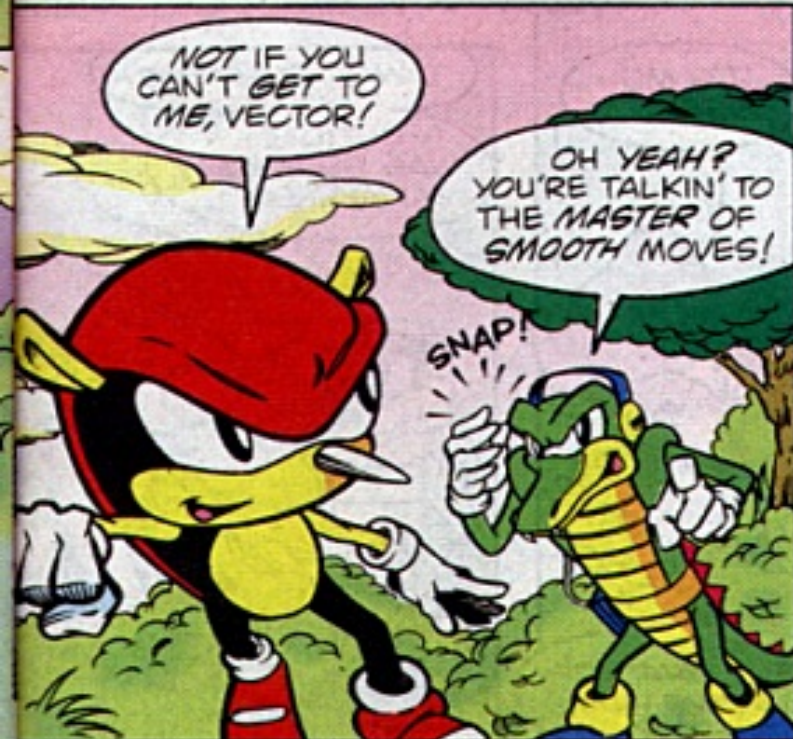
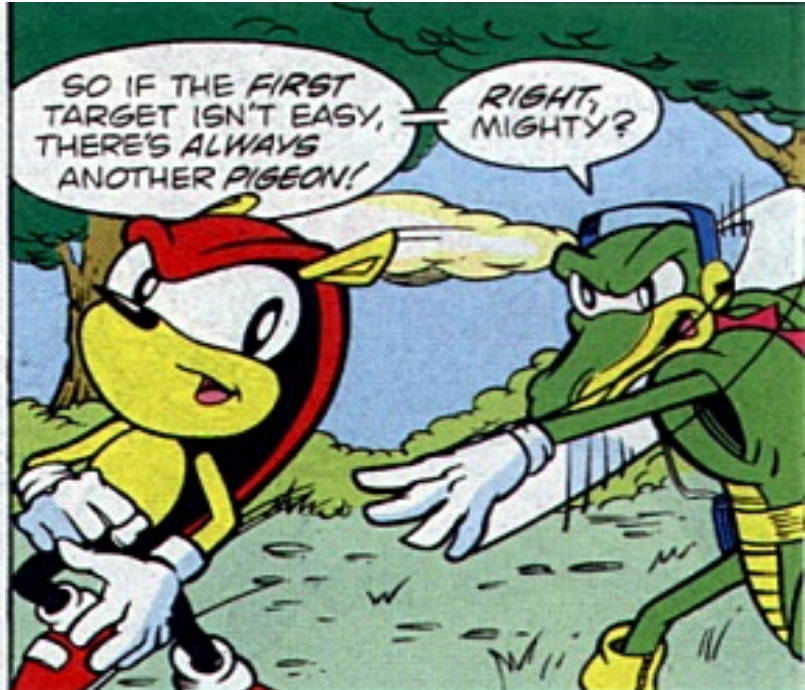
COME TO
THINK OF IT--
NOT REALLY!

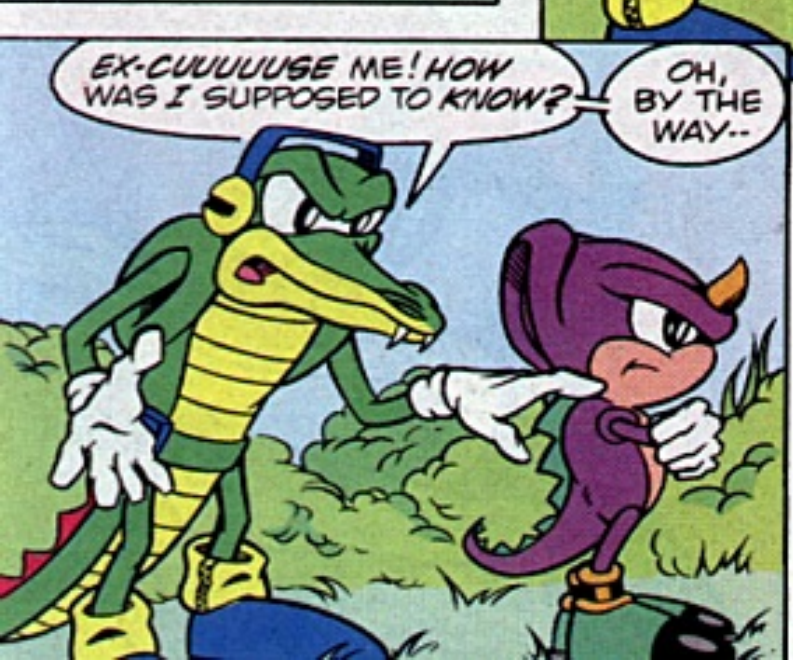
READY OR NOT,
GANG--HERE
I COME!

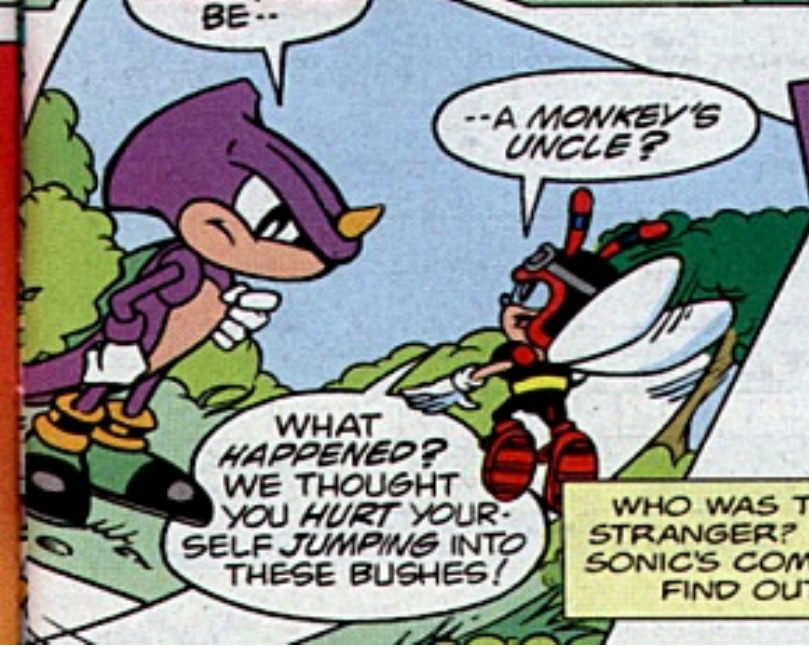
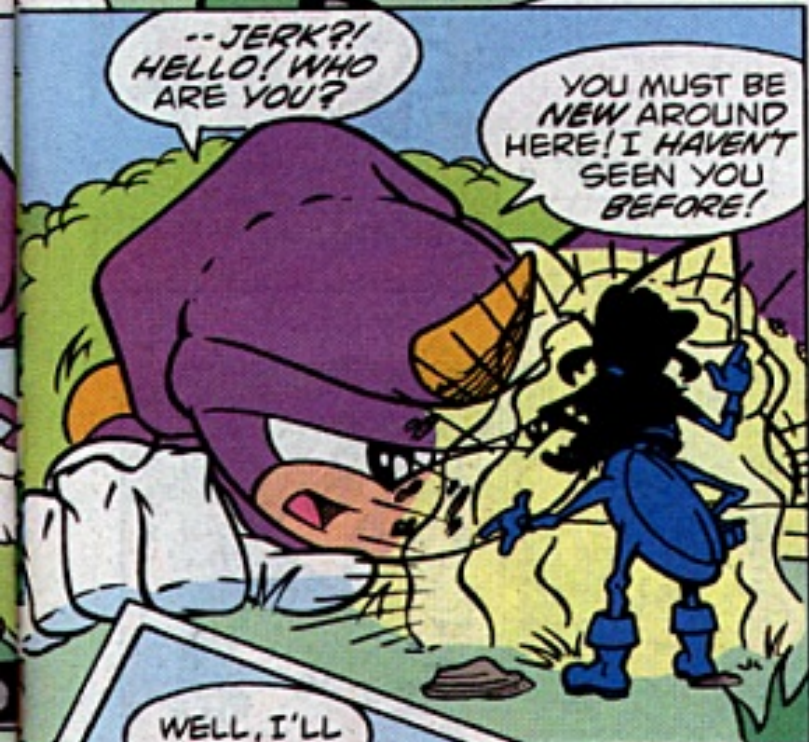
OH, NOT
ANOTHER ONE
OF YOUR GAMES,
CHARMY!

WELL, HAVE YOU
ANYTHING BETTER TO
DO RIGHT NOW?









WHO WAS THAT STRANGER? READ SONIC'S COMIC TO FIND OUT!

SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS
KNUCKLES™

**THE
HUNT
IS ON!**

KNUCKLES!!
LONG TIME NO
SEE, MY MAN!

WHY'RE YOU
SO CRANKED?!!

THERE'S
NO TIME TO
EXPLAIN!!!

GET DOWN!!
GET DOWN
NOW!!

I'VE GOT A
BAAAD FEELING,
CHARMY!!

WHEEEEEEEEEEE

YOU HAVE TO
ADMIT, THINGS
HAVE **REALLY**
GOTTEN **CRAZY**
AROUND HERE
LATELY, MIGHTY!

KA-THOOOM! KA-THOOOM!

WHUMP! BA-DUMP!

EVERYBODY ALL
RIGHT?! SING OUT,
YOU HEROES!!

WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE,
KNUCKLES?

WE'RE UNDER
ATTACK!
HOWEVER--

IS IT THAT JERK
ROBOTNIK? THAT
GUY NEVER GIVES UP!

ALL OF A SUDDEN,
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE
OF A WAR ZONE!

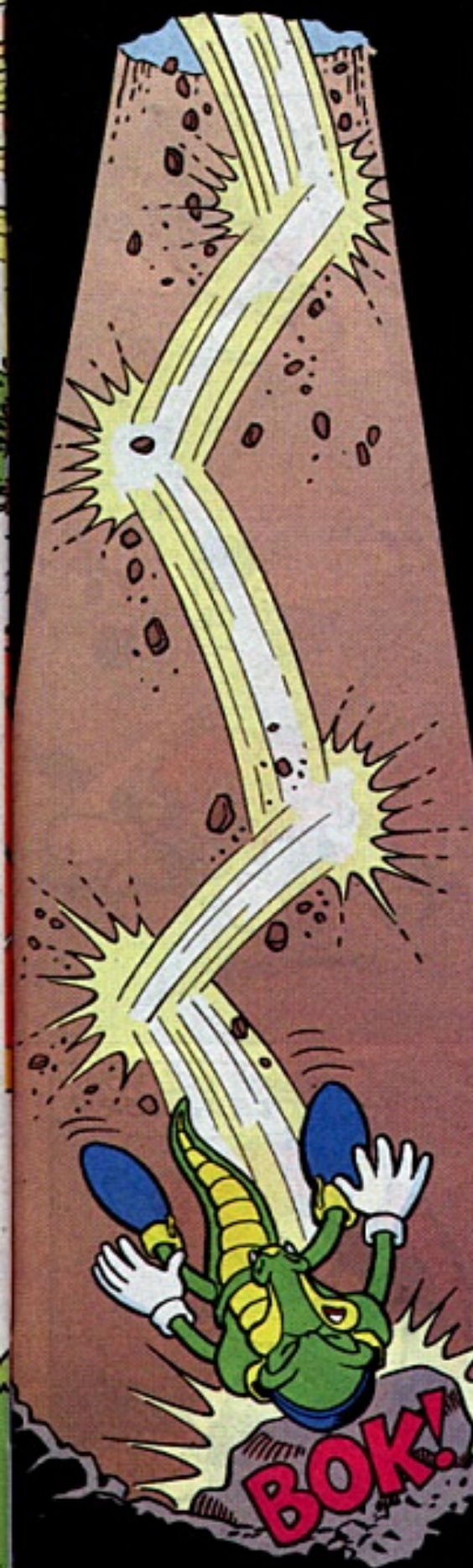
THAT'S WHAT I'M
NOT SURE OF!

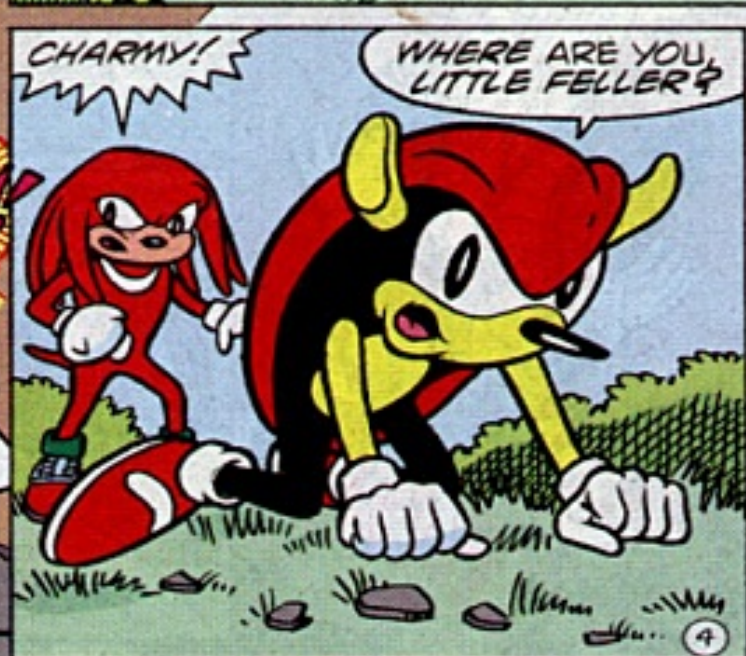
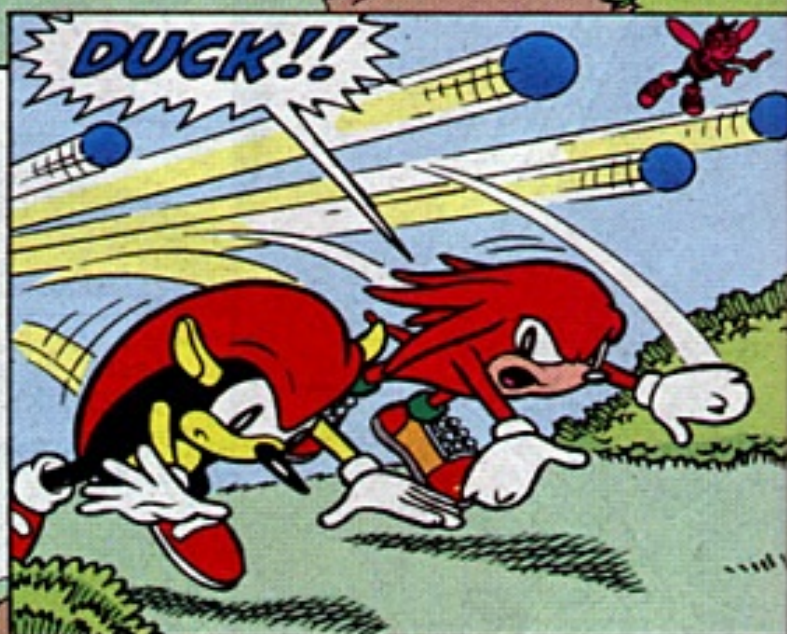
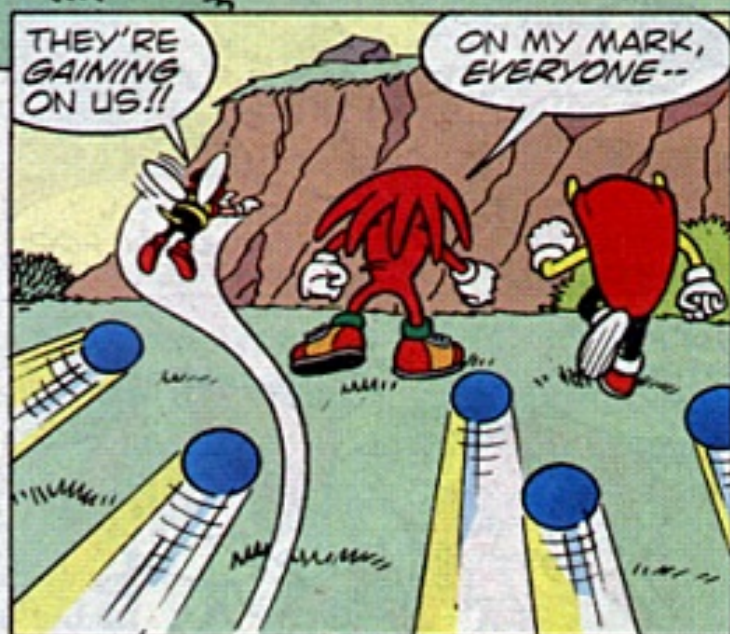
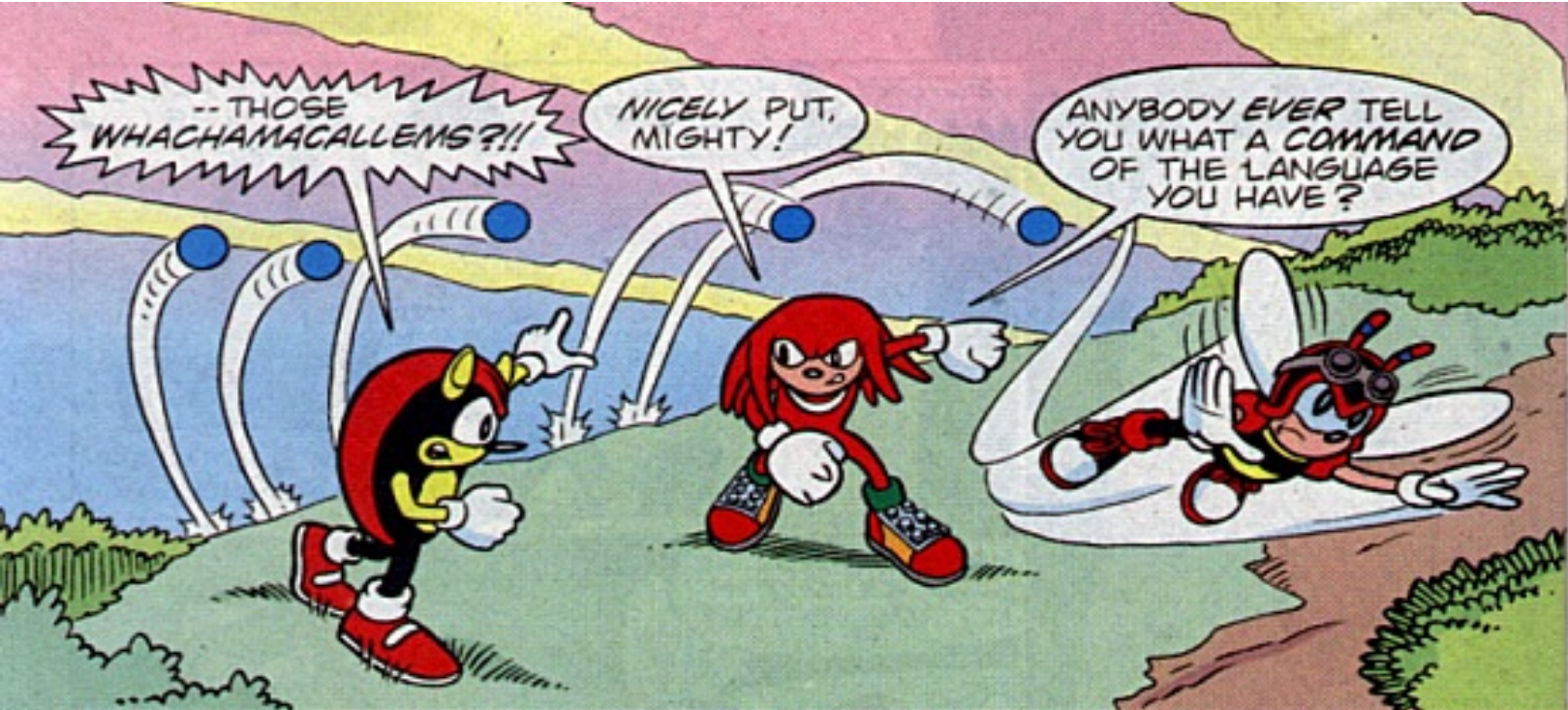
THERE'S A NEW
PLAYER IN TOWN--
CALLS HIMSELF
ARCHIMEDES!

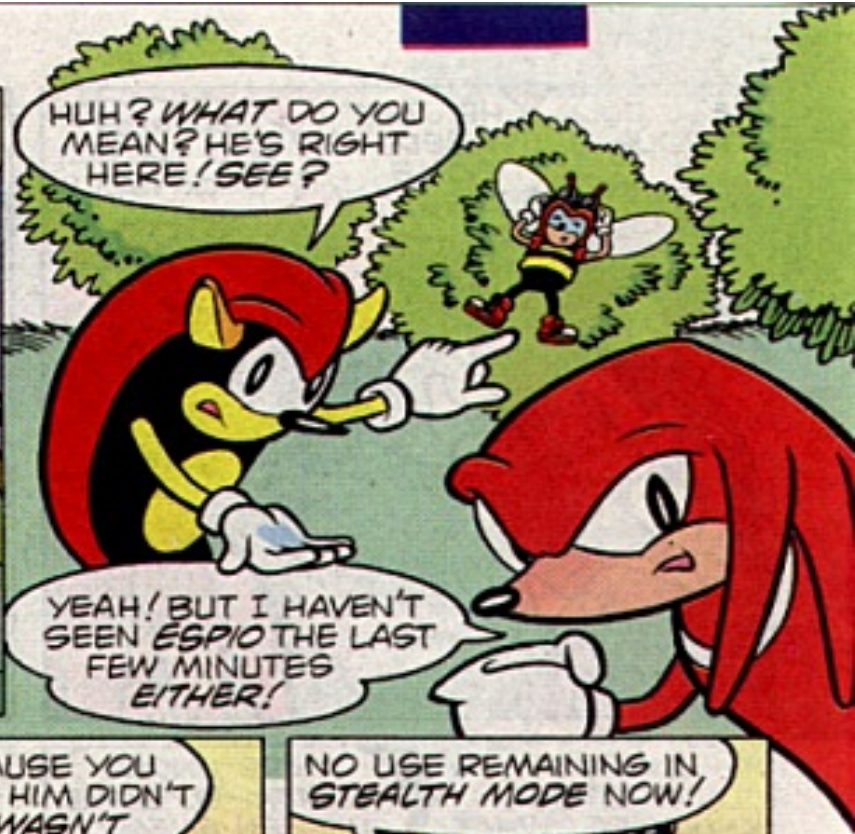
AND?

IT'S NOT CLEAR IF
HE'S A FRIEND OR
FOE! SO FAR--

VECTOR!!









FINALLY!
AFTER ALL
THIS TIME!

A CHALLENGE WORTHY OF
MY MATCHLESS STRENGTH!

YOU ARE EITHER
VERY CONFIDENT
OR VERY FOOLISH!

WE SHALL FIND
OUT WHICH!

KA-BOOM!

KNUCKLES!
SHALL WE--?

NO! LET 'EM
DUKE IT OUT!

AS LONG AS WE STAY STILL
WE'RE SITTING DUCKS FOR
WHOEVER'S TARGETING US!

KER-POW!
WHAM!

HOWEVER, IF WE
KEEP GOING--

I'LL SAY
THIS FOR
YOU--

YOU'RE
ONE TOUGH
SONOFASUN!

YOU ARE NOT SO
EASY ON THE SERVO
MOTORS EITHER--
Click-Whrrrr--

UNGH...

--WE AT LEAST HAVE A FIGHTING
CHANCE TO DISCOVER WHAT'S
GOING ON!

SOMEHOW I
JUST KNOW--

